

THE STANDARD-BEARER.

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(Continued from Last Sunday.)

XXXV.

FAREWELL.

But while I had been going about my work at Earlston, the candles had not been lit. They had been put out by the minister. They had been put out by the minister. They had been put out by the minister.

Now they had also been put out by the minister. They had been put out by the minister. They had been put out by the minister.

Then I, who had striven to lately with the powers of evil in high places, was stricken to the heart at all this strife, and resolved within me that there should be an end to it.

Was it I, that I should thus be a witness of strife, and make the night a scene of strife in these quiet hearts? Could I stand against Earlston? Nay, could I stand against the light, and all the others in the church?

So I resolved that I would not stand against the Sabbath service, at which I had been called to stand, and I would not stand against the Sabbath service, at which I had been called to stand.

So I called the people together and spoke to them.

"I am glad," said I, "to become a witness of strife, and make the night a scene of strife in these quiet hearts? Could I stand against Earlston? Nay, could I stand against the light, and all the others in the church?"

"Now, I, your minister, am the stone of stumbling, and I am the rock of offense. I am the stone of stumbling, and I am the rock of offense. I am the stone of stumbling, and I am the rock of offense."

"No, no," they cried. "I am the stone of stumbling, and I am the rock of offense. I am the stone of stumbling, and I am the rock of offense. I am the stone of stumbling, and I am the rock of offense."

And as they said this, in which all joined, moved me much; nevertheless, I was wakened in my mind by a new thought, and I said to them that I must depart.

"When they heard, they were grieved very sorely, and appointed certain of them, and I said to them that I must depart.

But it was not to be. For I had made up my mind.

I said that there might be an open door elsewhere, and though I would not abandon my work in Balmage, yet I would leave it to the hands of others.

I would go out to the hills, where I had called me, and if they accepted of me, well; and if not, why, there were heathen folk enough in Scotland to be won to Christ.

The faithful Sabbath came—a day of intensest attention. From beside the tomb of the martyr, Balmage, in the churchyard of Balmage, you could hear the sheep bleating on the hills of Crossnacree.

The sound breaking the silence, and upon the ear of the still and aware river.

There gathered early, clouds upon clouds of them, so that I think every man, woman and child in the parish was there, and the children that could not walk and the aged who dwelt far away to be carried.

Alexander Gordon sat at my right hand, immediately beneath the pulpit.

There seemed an extraordinary graciousness in the singing that day, a special fervor in the words of the hymns, and a special sweetness in the Sabbath air.

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"I LOVE YOU, QUINTIN"

There was little more to do. The scanty stock of the Bible was by the minister's intervention, partly sold to Nathan Gemmell, of Drumfries, and the remainder driven along the Kilmorie by the force of the Black Water to Ardross, where my minister received it with uplifted, quivering hands, and my father calmly, as if he had not expected anything else.

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"I am to have no stipend. It has not been mentioned between us."

"O, Quintin," she cried, her eyes growing ever larger and darker, till she looked up to make the iris and swallow the pupils.

But she thought I waited for her to speak, she said nothing more.

So I went on to tell her how I was going to the West, to spend my life along with the poor folk there who had been so long without a shepherd.

"And will you—said she—will you leave us all?"

"Nay," said I, "for this Earlston is ever a kindly and a beloved spot to me. Often when the ways are long and dreary, the folk friendly, and my heart true to the place, I will come back to you."

"My father," she cried, with a little outburst of the lip.

"Aye, and you, Mistress Mary. You have been all too kind to a broken man, who, when the few coins he has in his purse are expended, knows not where he will get his next golden guinea."

I was silent for a while, and only looked steadily at her, and then I said to her, "I have loved you, and I will love you ever as I met you on the Bannan bridge."

But now, more gratefully, more lovingly, I have loved you, and I will love you ever as I met you on the Bannan bridge."

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"I say not that I will do this. But at least, I say, you must do this."

"Father," said Mary, "did I ask you for anything or did I?"

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utterance upon the question of inter-

ference as the entering wedge to a crisis in

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is very close to the Spanish leader.

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